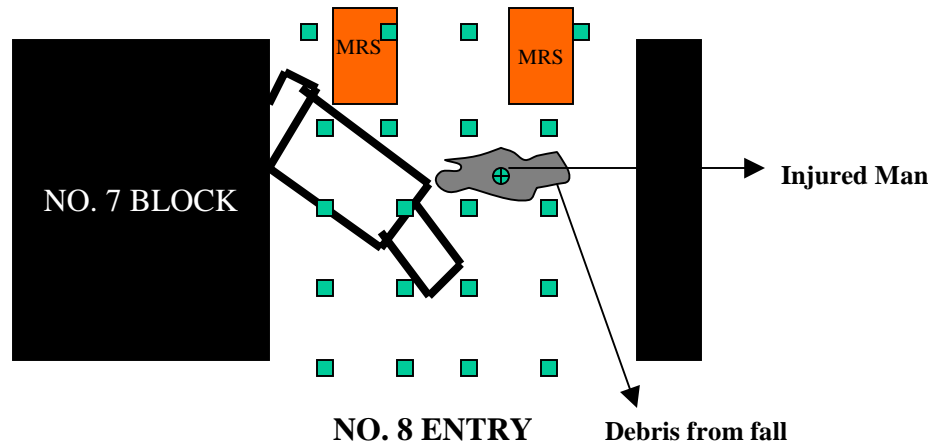




## SAFETY ALERT BULLETIN



On Monday, January 12, 2004, a serious accident occurred involving a miner operator, operating a remote control Joy miner. The miner operator was taking the first run out of the No. 7 block from No. 8 entry when a rock fell from between the bolts striking the miner operator. The miner operator received fractures of the right femur, lower left leg and left foot. The rock measured 82.5 inches long, 26.5 inches wide, and 5.5 inches thick.

### RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Miners should observe the roof for defects such as slips, coal spars, and weak areas of the roof. Any defect should be taken down or supported.
- Miners should always look for weak laminated shale, and mud rocks that are likely to scale and slab.
- Observe the top at all times because accidents occur under roof that is supported to standard or even above the roof control plan standard.
- The average size of a rock causing serious injuries is 35 inches long, 20 inches wide and 4 inches thick.

### ACCIDENT REDUCTION PROGRAM